

Application No. 10/770,054
Amendment "A" dated May 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed April 20, 2005

REMARKS

The first Office Action, mailed April 20, 2005, considered and rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Baker, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,741,259 B2).

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the foregoing rejections of record are now moot and should therefore be withdrawn in view of the fact that an appropriate terminal disclaimer corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,741,259 is now being filed in this pending case.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application should now be found in condition for prompt allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 26 day of May, 2005.

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